

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH RECORDS, 1828-1847, WILCOX COUNTY, ALABAMA

This information was extracted from a typed copy of the Fellowship Church Book (133 pages), obtained from the Alabama Dept of Archives and History. There are no notes to indicate who typed the copy or when it was typed. I stayed true to the spellings in the typed copy - including obvious errors. And, of course, some errors may be my own. I extracted the names of slaves ("servants") and slave owners from the membership list and minutes of the church meetings. I hope someone finds this record useful. Questions? Contact kathy.leverett@gmail.com.

Members

May 3, 1828

Sawney a col man of D. Palmer (Sawney is listed among the founding members)

1829

Sawney a col man

Phebe a col woman

Peter a col man

1828 (some dates are out of order)

Holloday a col man

Silvy a col woman

1830

Dolly a col woman

Delpha a col woman

Dinah a col woman

Ceazar a col man

Silvy a col woman
Tabitha a col woman

1835

Sally a col woman
Flora a col woman
Lena a col woman
Edna a col woman

1833

Tom a col man
Billy a col man
Daniel a col man
Rachel a col woman
Mary a col woman
Henry a col man

1834

Aaron a col man
Mary a col woman
Harriet a col woman
Vin a col woman
Cupet a col man (died April 1842)
Peggy a col woman
Ceazar a col man

1831

Jinny a col woman

1830

Sawney a col man

Pheaby a col woman
Moses a col man
Richmond a col man
Harry a col man
Willey a col woman
Creasee a col woman
Fanny a col woman

1834

Metilda a col woman
Matta a col woman
Nancy a col woman
John a col man
Amoses a col man
Fanny a col woman

1835

John a col man (died Mch 1841)
Sophe a col man
Pricella a col woman
Chany a col woman
Liddy a col woman the prop of J Snell
Sally a col wo the pr John Thigpen
Haggar a col wo the “ “ “
Vilet a col wo “ “ “
Rose a col wo the property of N Mun
Betty a col wo the property of L Scott
Isaac a col man the property of D Wardlaw
Dorinda a col wo the pro of W.F. Young
Rosa a col wo the pro of James Yedell
Diner a col woman
Jinny a col woman

Cate a col woman
Solloman a col man
Doctor a col man
Beck a col woman
Eliza a col woman
Sugar a col man
Rolly a col man
Clarrisa a col woman
Dinana a col woman
Willis a col boy
Delpha a col girl
Becca a col girl
Mary a col girl
Ned a col man
Peggy a col woman
Exlek a col man
Anis a col man
Chany a col woman
Tiney a col girl
Jane a col girl
Stephens a col man
Braddock a col man
Acy a col man
David a col man
Jim a col man
Selvy a col woman
Charles a col man (propt of J Calhoun)
Sandy a col man
Jinny a col woman
Mary a col woman (of J Calhoun)
Metilda a col woman

1858 (?)

Lida a col man

Sharlet a col wom

Elizabeth a col woman

Rose a col woman

Ollive a col girl

1838

Elleck a col man

Terry a col boy

1839

Peney a col woman

Elsy a col woman

Charles a col man of L Scott

Hester a col woman

Mariah a col woman

1842

Linda a col woman

Fountain a col man

1843

Rachael a col woman J M Powell

Mariah “ “ “ S. M. Wooten

Chaney “ “ “ H. R. Ward

1844

Joe L. Womack

Sawney the property

Silva the prop of J. Snell

Fellis “ “ “ “
Bob “ J. R. Yeldell
Hark the prop of J. Yeldell
July property of Jno Snell
Mahala “ “ “ “

1847

Mary the property of J. Carter
Elva “ “ J. D. Thompson
Selva “ “ Wm F Youngblood

CHURCH MINUTES

(Kathy's note: Unless otherwise noted - the slaves listed below were either joining the church or asking to leave the church.)

1828 (pgs 14-17)

Phebe a col woman the property of Garland Burt

Moses a col man the property of Josiah Hill

Rose a col woman the property of Seth Smith

Jinny a col woman the property of Dabney Palmer

Cherry a col woman the property of Sherrard Lile

Richmond a col man the property of Josiah Hill

1829 (pgs 17 - 21)

Harry a col man the property of Jacob Lewis

Ceasor a col man the property of Garland Burt

Holloday a col man the property of Mrs Hill

"Took up the case of Brother **Sawney** for Carnal Communication with a other woman not his wife..."

Silvey a col woman the property of Garland Burt

Willy a col woman the property of David Edler

Creasee a col woman the property of James Powers

Fanny a col woman the property of Josiah Hill

"Took up the case of Brother **Sawney** & laid it over tel our next conference."

"Took up the case of Brother **Sawney** a col man and expel him for crime of adultery."

"Reconsidered the case of Brother **Sawney** by the information of Brother Palmer and laid over tel our next conference."

Peggy a col woman the property of Sister Powel

"The case of Brother **Sawney** was taken up and laid over tel our next conference."

"Took up the case of Brother **Sawney** which was laid over until such times

as he can be present"

1830 (pgs 21 - 26)

Hollowday a col man applied for a letter of dismissal which was granted

"Took up the case of **Sawney** a col man and restored him to our Fellowship"

"Took up the case of **Jinny** a col woman the property of Dabney Palmer and expelled her for disobedience to her owners and other unchristian conduct.

"Appointed Brethren Tarver and Scott to Labour with **Rose** a Col woman and report at our next conference."

"Brethren Scott & Tarver made a report satisfactory concerning a col woman **Rose**."

1831 (pgs 26 - 31)

Delpha a col woman the property of the estate of John Adams, dec.

"Cite **Ceasor** a col man to come forward to the church and give satisfaction for his conduct that took place on the day he was sold."

"Took up the case of **Jinny** a col woman which was expelled in July last for disobedience to her owners and after her making satisfactory acknowledge met was restored to the fellowship of the church."

Dolly a col woman the property of Brother Cooper

"Took up the case of **Ceasor** and he refusing to give the church satisfaction, after mature deliberation by the brethren the church excluded him from there fellowship."

"Resolved by the church that the brethren J Bagger & Walton and Hawthorn visit **Rose** a col woman and inquire w into her conduct and report to our next conference."

1832 (pgs 31 - 36)

"By information given by Brother Hawthorn concerning the conduct of **Silvy** a col woman the property of Brother A Travis and after investigating the case expelled her for disorderly conduct."

"From Sundry reports concerning **Cherry** a col woman appointed Brethren Palmer and Bagget to inquire into her conduct and report to next conference."

"The church took up the reference of last conference concerning the conduct of **Cherry** a col woman and expeld her for disorderly conduct."

"...took up the testimony of **Richmond** a col manned excluded his testimony..."

Peter a col man the property of Brother Watts

1833 (pgs 36 - 40)

Delpha a col woman the property of Brother Scogin

Silvy a col woman the property of Brother Bullock

Edney a col woman the property of T Hays

Sally a col woman the property of George Lewis

Flora a col woman the property of Mr Elder

Lua a col woman the property of Edard Night

"Took up a case f **Dolly** a col woman the property of Brother Cooper for disorderly conduct and expelled her"

Silvy a col woman the property of Brother Bullock

Tom a col man the property of Jesse Night

Dinah a col woman

1834 (pgs 41 - 44)

Henry the property of George Lewis

Aaron the property of Brother C. B. Watts

Mary the property of Brother L Scott

Tabitha the property of Abriam Hill

Harriet the property of Peter Cheatham

Nina the property of Abriham Hill

Ceasor a col man

Metilda a col woman the property of Brother Jones

Matta a col woman the property of Brother Scott

Nancy a col woman the property of Brother Jefferson

John a col man the property of Brother Jefferson

O Morres the property of Thos Stean

Fanney a col woman the property of John Davidson

1835 (pgs 44 - 47)

Chany a col woman the property of Brother L Scott

"Took up the case of **Tabith** a col woman the property of A Hill for disorderly conduct and expeld her from the Fellowship of the church."

"Took up the case of **Tom** a col man the property of Jessee Night for disordely and unchristian conduct and excluded him from our fellowship.."

John a col man the property of Brother G. Chancelor

Sophie a col woman the property of David Wardlaw

1836 (pgs 47 - 51)

"Took up a case respecting the conduct of **Sawney & Metilda** two black members..."

"Took up a case against **Mary** a col woman the property of L Scott and excluded her also."

Peggy the property of Brother Yeldell and excluded her."

Daniel, Mary & Pheba all the property of Dabney Palmer

1837 (pgs 51 - 57)

Pricella a col woman the property of Jacob L. Alison

Liddy a col woman the property of John Snell

Sally a col woman, **Hagger** a col woman, **Vilet** a col woman all three the property of John Thigpenn

Betty a col woman the property of L Scott

Rose a col woman the property of Neal Mims

Isaac a col man the property of David Waralow

Dorinda a col woman the property of W. F. Youngblood

Rose a col woman the property of James Yeldell

Dina a col woman the propty of a Hill

Jinny a col woman the property of J Snell, Snr

Cate a col woman the property Joseph Davidson

"Took up the case of **Richmond** a col man the property of J. Hill for disobedience to his owners and he was excluded from our Fellowship."

Solloman a col man the property of John Snell Senr

Doctor a col man the property of David Wardlaw

Beck the property of L. Scott

Sugar the prop of Brother L Scott

Rolley the property of John Scolton

Clarrisa the prop of Stephen Sims

Diana the prop of J. S. Alison

Willis the prop of L Scott

Charles the prop of L Scott

Elvy the proper of Dr. L Alison

Becca a col woman the pro of L. Scott

Delpha a col girl the prop of C. H. Cooper

Mary a col girl the prop of L Scott

Peggy a col woman the property of Brother J. R. Yeldell

Ned a col man the property of J Snell Snr.

Stephen a col man the property of Wm Hill

Ellex the property of Brother L Alison

Anis the prop of Brother J. R. Yeldell

Clany and **Tincy** and **Jane** all the proper of Brother L Scott

Bradock and **Lacy** the property of Brother L Scott

Jim the property of Brother H A Snell

1838 (pgs 57 - 64)

Fenny, Winny & Grace three of T Scotts black women

Silvy a col woman the property of Brother Alex Travis

Sharlot a col woman the property of Brother J. R. Yeldell

"Took up the case of **Elix** a col man the property of Brother L Alison for

disobedience to his owner and unchristian like conduct. Also took up the case and excluded him from our Fellowship."

"Also took up the case of **Charles** a col man the property of Brother L Scott for disonisty and excluded him from our fellowship."

"Also took up the case of **Mose** a col man the property of Josiah Hill for disobedience to his overseer and laid it over tel our next conference and appointed a commita consisting of Brethern John Snell Silas M Wooten and C. H. Cooper to visit said boy and get all the information they can and report to our next conference."

"Took up the refferemce of last conference respecting the case of **Mose** a col man and excluded him from our Fellowship."

"Also took up the case of three of Brother Thos. Scott girls **Fanny Winny & Grace** on testimony of Brother Scott (though said girls have been received by experience that them are unworthy of receiving the ordinance of baptism) It was moved & second the three names should be stricken from the church book."

Liga a col man the property of Brother L Scott

Charles a col man, **Sandy** a col man, **Jinny** a col woman, **Mary** a col woman, **Metilda** a col woman all the property of Mr James Calhoun

Elizabeth a col woman the property of Jonithan Bogan

Charles a col woman (?) the property of Brother L Scott

Rose a col woman the property of Seath Smith

Olline a col girl the property of Brother James R Yeldell

Elleck the property of Brother L Allison

Tom the property of Brother Edwin Night

Jery a col boy the property of brother J. R. Yeldell

"Took up the case of **Tiney** a col girl the property of Brother L Scott for unchristian like conduct and excluded her from our fellowship.

Jinny a col woman the property Mr George

Fanny a col woman the property of John Davidson

"A charge was broat before the committee against **David** a col man the property of L Scott for unchristian conduct and they exclude him from our Fellowship."

"Took up the case of **Matta** a col woman the property of Brother L Scott and appointed a committee consisting of Brethren R. Mosley A Jackson and J. R. Yeldell to visit her and report to the church."

1839 (pgs 64 - 80. *Includes handwritten note "no pages 71-79 in typescript")

"Took up the case of **Matta** a col woman and laid it over tel our next meeting."

"The committee that was appointed to enquire into the conduct of **Matta** a col woman the property of Brother L Scott report her in disorder and after deliberation by the church we exclude her from our Fellowship."

"Took up the case of **Stephen** a collard man the property of Jas. Gully (formerly owned by Brother Wm Hill) for stealing & other unchristian like conduct and excluded him from our communion & Fellowship."

Rayney a col girl the propt of George Wamock

Elay a col girl the propt of Brother Perry Steen

"Brother Neil Munn about moving a distance called for a letters of dismission for himself wife & three servants viz **Billy & Rachael** that formerly belonged to Brother D Palmer and **Rose** which was granted."

"Brother Charles H Cooper on the same grounds made a like request for himself wife & one servant viz **Delpha**"

1840 (pgs 80 - 93)

"On evidence of a coloured Brother viz **Anas**, the property of Brother J. R. Yeldell having been intoxicated & from the report of Brother Henry Jones his preasant over seer as unfavourable on it was resolved by the church that he be excluded from our body."

"On presentation to the church by Brother L Scott of one of his Boys viz **Charles** a member of this church as visiting a place of disorder and then denying it moved that the church take cognizane of it (the said Boy being absent) Resolved that a committee of three viz Brethren J Snell JM Callaway and SM Wooten to visit and labour with him and report to our next conference."

"...the church after mature deliberations excluded the col man **Charles**

from our fellowship"

Vilet a coloured woman the property of Mr Wm Powell

Hester a coloured woman the propt of Brother SM Wooten

Moriah a col woman the propt of Sister Bird

Vilet the coloured woman of Mr Wm Powell

"...a coloured Brother being in disorder vis **Tom** the propty of E. Knight..."

"... on account of much disorder by the blacks around this place..."

"...**Tom** (on evidence of his Master) to be guilty of dishonesty... excluded from our fellowship."

"Brother JR Yeldell reported his boy **Braddock** in disorder 1st in attempting to cut his own throat & of telling falsehoods... excluded..."

Izbel the propt of D Wardlaws Estate

1841 (pgs 93 - 99)

"A charge being prepered against a colurd member viz (**Ned**) the propt of Brother John Snell."

Brother L. Scott reported one of servant girls (vis **Mary**) being in some difficulty On Motion Resolved that Breathren John Snell JB Scott & Jas. Scott be a committee to visit & talk with said girl & report to our next meeting.

"... the case of **Mary** the servant girl of Brother L Scotts was taken up."

Brother Comer Watts made application for a letter of dismissal for his servant boy **Aaron** which was granted.

1842 (pgs 99 - 108)

Brother SM Wooten presented his servant girl **Hester** before the standing committee of disorder who investigated the matter and found her worther of exclusion from the church...

Linda a col woman of Bro Snells

Bro HJ Jones reporter **Asa** a Col man and **Olive** a col woman (the propt of Bro JR Yeldell) for disorder

Fountain a Col man the propt of Mr Rufus George

1843 (pgs 109 - 115)

"...a case was taken up against **Willis** a col boy the propt of Bro L. Scott for an act of theft..."

Amos the property of Br AH Powell

Ned the property of Br John Snell

Rachael the property of JM Powell

Moriah the property of SM Wooton

Chany the property of HR Ward

Joe the property of Lewis Womack

"... took up a case against **Dock** (the property of Br G Rosseter for being found in company with unbecoming associates and with spirits in his possession..." (goes on to say a committee is appointed to visit Dock, who is mentioned several times this year.)

Rolly (the property of JL Colser)

1844 (pgs 115 - 120)

Mariah (the property formerly of S Wooten)

Jane (the property formerly of L Scott)

Sugar (the prop of L Scott)

Reney the property of G Womack

1845 (pgs 120 - 126)

"From a knowledge of improper conduct in **Rachael** (the propt of JA Powell) her case being taken up..." (excluded from the church)

"... a case is prepared against **Rese** (Rose?) the property of JR Yeldell for running away..."

Sawney formerly the property of Dabney Palmer

Matty the property of br L Scott

Tillie the property of Br Jno Snell

Silas the property of Br Jno Snell

Bob the property of JR Yeldell

Rose "she is retained in full fellowship"(see above reference to Rese)

1846 (pgs 126 - 131)

Hark a col man the property of JR Yeldell

July the propty of Jno Snell

Moriah Davis and **Mahala** the property of Jno B Scott

1847 (pgs 132 - 133)

No slaves mentioned. Document ends with March 6, 1847 church meeting.

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